Mr. B. Srinivasiengar.—

Is the profit accruing to the State laid down on the percentage basis or by allotting particular portions of the lines?

Dewan.—

All these details can be ascertained to your satisfaction if you meet the Railway Secretary in his office.

BY MESSRS. M. P. SOMASEKHARA RAO, B. L. BYANNA (Bangalore Urban) CHINNAPPA, (Minority Interest), BALAPPA (Bangalore Rural).—

Q.—6. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) the number of officers with a salary of Rs. 200 per month and above in the State service just before the report of the Retrenchment Committee and the number of such officers at present in the State service ;

(2) the number and designation of officers carrying a salary of Rs. 200 per month and above abolished in pursuance of the Report of the Retrenchment Committee and the number and designation of similar officers newly created till now.

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A.—6. (1) and (2) Attention is invited to the published Budget Estimates of the years concerned.

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Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

With reference to the answer given by Government that the information can be had on reference to the various published Budget Estimates, will the Government be pleased to say whether copies of the old Budgets were supplied to members who were not in the Assembly in previous years?

Second Member of Council —

Copies required for reference purposes by any member will be supplied, as far as possible.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

Is not the answer furnished now unsatisfactory?

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Second Member of Council.—

I do not think so.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Why not Government themselves compile the information and give a definite reply?

Second Member of Council.—

The information is available in published Budget Estimates.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

Have the members of the present Assembly been supplied with copies of the proposals of the Retrenchment Committee also?

Second Member of Council.—

I think copies were supplied to those who were members of the Assembly at the time the report was published.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

Have copies been furnished to all the members who are in this Assembly?

Third Member of Council.—

The report has been published; it is before the public.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

What was the difficulty in Government themselves compiling and furnishing the information?

Third Member of Council.—

It was not considered worth while compiling all those statistics, when they could be compiled by the members themselves from the published Budget copies.

Mr. B. S Puttaswamy.—

By giving such indefinite answers, is not the object of putting questions virtually withdrawn?

Dewan.—

The fact is that Government did not think it worth

while taking the trouble of collecting the information. If members attached so much importance to it, they could have collected it themselves.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswamy.—

Will Government furnish the information next time at least, if we ask the same question?

Dewan.—

I am afraid you will get the same reply.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam.—

In what year was the report of the Retrenchment Committee published?

Dewan.—

We want notice.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam.—

Are we to take it that with all the clerical help at the command of Government, it was not possible for them to get the information collected?

Dewan.—

You are at liberty to draw any inferences you like.

Mr. M. P. Somasekhara Rao.—

Would Government be pleased to let us know the particular pages of the several Budgets which will give the information asked for?

Dewan.—

I have given a ruling already; I do not want to enter into a discussion on this matter.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Have not Government got an establishment specially for furnishing answers to questions moved before this Assembly?

Third Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Have they not got such an establishment in connection with the Legislative Council?

Third Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Is there no Secretary to the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council, and when special provision for him has been made in the Budget, is it not his duty to supply answers to all questions put here?

Dewan.—

No; Government are not bound to answer every question put.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Am I to take it, then, that Government may answer questions if they please to, and refuse to answer them if they do not wish to?

Dewan.—

Yes.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Is that the policy of Government?

Dewan.—

Yes.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

If so, will Government remove the provision in the Budget for the establishment shown under the two Constitutional Houses?

Dewan.—

Government are not prepared to answer that question.

(As Mr. D. S. Mallappa put the same question over and over again, the Dewan asked him to stop and take his seat. As he persisted in asking more ques-

tions which did not arise out of the original question, the Dewan asked him either to obey the chair or leave the Hall. Mr. Mallappa elected the latter course and left.)

Mr. N. G. Sanjeeviah.—

Should not the Government at least indicate the particular pages of the different Budget Estimates which will give us the information required ?

Third Member of Council.—

The information is on different pages of the Budget ; if you study the Budgets you will find the information.

Mr. N. G. Sanjeeviah.—

If we ourselves find it out and make statements based on it, will Government accept them ?

Third Member of Council.—

We shall test the statements where necessary and see whether they can be accepted or not.

Mr. Ramadas.—

Was not one of the objects of the Retrenchment Committee to reduce the expenditure under establishments ?

Third Member of Council.—

That is not a supplementary question.

Mr. V. Venkatappa.—

Are Government aware that I asked for copies of the previous Budgets, but was refused ?

Second Member of Council.—

Will be supplied, as far as possible.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

Have not the Government answered similar questions in the past ?

Second Member of Council.—

I cannot say.

Mr. G. B. Raghavendrachar.—

Will the Government supply to the members copies of the report of the Retrenchment Committee ?

Second Member of Council.—

Yes, if any member asks for it.

Mr. B. L. Byanna.—

Have all the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee been given effect to ?

Second Member of Council.—

I do not think that is a supplementary question.

Mr. B. Linge Gowda.—

Are not Government aware that members will have a definite purpose in putting questions ?

Second Member of Council.—

Yes.

Mr. B. Linge Gowda.—

Is not the object of this particular question to find out how far the retrenchment proposals have been given effect to?

Third Member of Council.—

I cannot say.

Mr. B. Linge Gowda.—

Why were some members who asked for the previous Budgets not supplied with them ?

Third Member of Council.—

It is impossible to supply copies to all. If they are required by members for specific purposes and if these are made known, copies will certainly be given, if they are available.

Mr. B. Linge Gowda.—

If they are not supplied and if questions are not answered by Government, how are the public at large to have the information ?

Third Member of Council.—

Any one can collect the information and give publicity to it.

Dewan.—

We want to give you as much information as possible.

Mr. P. Sitaramaiya.—

Will Government kindly state how many years' Budgets will have to be referred to in order to get the information required in this particular instance ?

Third Member of Council.—

Every year's Budget gives the information relating to that particular year, and any decrease in establishment, compared with the previous year's establishment, represents the extent of retrenchment effected.

Mr. P. Sitaramaiya.—

Will the public at large attach full importance to information published by private persons ?

Third Member of Council.—

Why not, if it is based on Government publications ?

Mr. P. Sitaramaiya.—

Has the extent of retrenchments effected been indicated in any Budget, by a foot-note ?

Third Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam.—

May I know whether it is less costly for Government to get the figures compiled and supplied, or to supply copies of the Budget to all the members ?

Third Member of Council.—

It is not every member that would like to work out the figures.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam.—

Even if only some of the members would do it, is it not less costly for Government themselves to supply the information ?

Third Member of Council.—

No cost is involved. Any member can visit the Library and collect the information.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam.—

Instead of that, why not Government supply the information ?

Third Member of Council.—

It is not possible to furnish information asked for in every question.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

BILLS.

VI. Amendment of Income-tax Regulation.

Statement of Objects and Reasons.

Following the Income-tax Law in British India, it is proposed to withhold the grant of refunds under Section 48 (small incomes relief) from non-residents who are not Mysore subjects or British Indian subjects, while refunds to non-resident Mysore subjects or British Indian subjects will be allowed and calculated not with reference as at present to the claimant's total income taxable in Mysore, but with reference to his total income wherever derived which would be taxable if it accrued, arose or was received in Mysore. Non-residents now enjoy an unfair advantage over residents as their incomes earned abroad cannot be taken into account in the calculation of total income for the purpose of determining claims to refund and there is no justification for this position. It is therefore proposed to amend the law suitably to secure these objects.